

# History Timeline

## 2004 - The company is formed

The company was formed by the Archibald Bathgate Group with a vision to be a major player in the UK Raised Access Flooring market. New factory and offices were established and the task of building a manufacturing facility, and an Installation team started which achieved a £6 million turnover in the first year.

## 2005 - Estimating Team Established

Dedicated to providing detailed quotations for customers

## 2007 - Contracts/Commerical Dept Established

David Brooker joined Ernie Smyth to create the Contracts and Commercial team focusing on supplying and Installing the Raised Access requirements for Blue Chip construction companies. Our 1st CHAS Accreditation for Health and Safety pre-qualification status

## 2008 - Global Financial Crises / Supply Only Dept

Major external pressure on the company from the global crisis. Creation of the Permaflor brand and the Supply Only team. This enabled us to service the whole market.

## 2011 - Achilles and Constructionline Accreditation

Demonstrating our wider pre-qualified status as construction supplier

## 2013 - Fire and move to Thorn Business Park

A traumatic experience where The Group, our employees, the local businesses, our suppliers and the local community all rallied round and as a result we became a stronger company and a stronger team. In this situation only 6% of companies survive!

## 2014 - Installation of two Robotic Press lines

Robotic cells and power presses installed providing business resilience.

## 2016 / 7 - Additional Accreditation and Customer Support

CAD and BIM modelling added to the contracting division, to enhance the services and support offered to our customers. ISO14001 and FSC accreditation achieved

## 2017 - New Directors appointed and Major Investments.

Paul Freeman and Ernie Smyth appointed to the board to strengthen our future and to create a rounded Board. New ultra-modern Robots replace current robots to improve output and the installation of a new production line increasing capacity and resilience.

## 2017 - First Million-pound order

£1,000,000 contract for Circle Square Buildings in Manchester secured. There have now been many more million- pound orders.

## 2018 - Increased Production levels

Record production levels showing capability and ability to support our customers.

## 2020/22 - Covid Strikes

As a business we adapted quickly to create a safe working environment for all our employees. During this time, we did not close and only furloughed some people for 8 days and our commitment to our customers never stopped.

## 2023 - Biggest order to date

Our Supply and Installation team secure a 1.74-million-pound order which was our biggest at that point.

## 2024 - Continued Investment

We continue to remain financially strong and are further investing in new machinery and Green Energy generation. We have acquired additional units next to the main manufacturing facility to further increase capacity and our support to our customers.



years of Progress